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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO AN INTER-REGIONAL PROJECT

(INT/91/901) - Support for the Promotion of TCDC (Umbrella Project)

Date of approval by the AC: 1/	6 March 1991
Expected duration:	12 months
Proposed executing agency:	UNDP/OPS
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$3 326 400 Source of funds: SPR

Project background

The importance of TCDC for national and collective self-reliance has long been recognized; however, much more needs to be done in order to implement fully the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing TCDC and relevant follow-up General Assembly Resolutions and decisions of the Governing Council of UNDP and of the governing bodies of other organizations. Many developing countries face similar obstacles in their efforts to achieve sustainable socio-economic development; however, they have shown varying degrees of success in overcoming such obstacles. Furthermore, a number of them have developed technical capacities which, if properly tapped, can provide expertise and technologies more adapted to the socio-economic conditions and relative resource endowments of other developing countries than those imported from highly industrialized countries.

The fact that only some developing countries have achieved satisfactory levels of economic development and that many have not, does not argue against TCDC. Indeed, it is this diversity in approach and performance that provides a basis for the sharing of experiences that will in turn enrich the choice of development tools and strategies and widen the options of alternative development paths. The project proposal aims to provide a framework and a mechanism to institutionalize the matching of the technical co-operation needs and capacities of developing countries through the exchange of know-how and expertise. In order to facilitate such exchanges, the project will provide direct catalytic support and information on institutions of developing countries with capacities to provide training and expertise through the Information Referral System (INRES-South). The project proposal, together with a TCDC strategy which will be developed as an integral part of the project, will contribute to broadening the base for technical co-operation.

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Description of project

The development objectives of the project are to: (a) enhance national and collective self-reliance in the developing countries; (b) seek broad acceptance of TCDC as a modality for project/programme formulation and implementation; and (c) pursue enriched choice of development strategies and a widened range of options for alternative development paths.

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) promote TCDC at the country, subregional, regional and inter-regional level; and (b) develop and finalize a strategy for TCDC.

The proposed activities related to the first objective will fall into five broad categories: (i) training and orientation in TCDC concepts and modality; (ii) strengthening of TCDC focal point mechanisms; (iii) subject-specific workshops in areas of common interest to developing countries; (iv) Inter-governmental TCDC programming activities (matching of technical co-operation needs and capacities); and (v) expanded data management services (INRES-South).

The activities related to the second objective will result in a strategy for the promotion and integration of the TCDC concept and modality into UNDP-supported activities, the UN Development System and into the development planning and implementation processes of developing countries.

Inputs

UNDP will provide $3,326,400 from the SPR allocation of $10.1 million for TCDC for the period 1987-1991. Participating governments will cover costs of local conference facilities, internal transport, professional and secretarial staff services and other administrative and logistical support.

Financial data

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Personnel	56 000
Consultants	247 972
Missions (TCDC programming exercists)[1/]	1 557 718
Training and Workshops	1 008 570
Equipment	164 000
Miscellaneous	292 340
Total	3 326 400

1/These costs cover travel and DSA for participants from developing countries in technical co-operation capacities and needs matching activities.

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